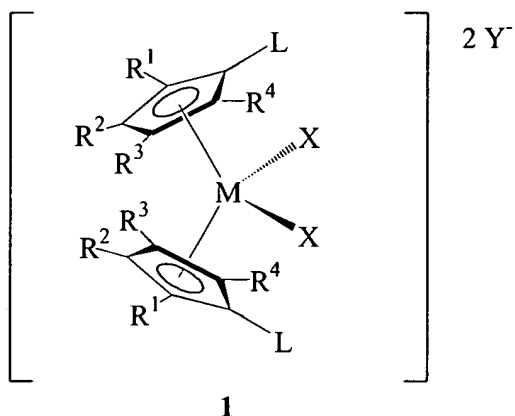


ABSTRACT

The invention provides metallocene compounds of formula **1** for use as medicaments in the treatment of cancer.



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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 represent a combination of H, alkyl, aryl or trimethylsilyl; **L** represents side chain substituents, at least one of which contains a group which enables the compound to become water-solubilised; **X** is halo, alkoxy, acetate or H_2O ; **Y** is a counter-ion; **M** is a metal; and $n = 1$ or 2. The invention also provides novel compounds of the formula **1** wherein at least one of the groups **L** comprises a quaternary tetraalkylammonium group. The compounds have been shown to have significantly greater activity in the treatment of cancer than the compounds known from the prior art.

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